

JURY ACQUITS TWO. MOUNT

Out Only an Hour After
Case of Shooting of
Ernest Miller Closes.

After being out less than an hour the jury in the case of the state against the two men, charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with the death of Ernest Miller, Jan. 20 last, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The case went to the jury Thursday night at 10:17 when Judge W. D. Howe of the 24th district court read his instructions and at 11:07 the jury returned its verdict.

Ernest Miller was shot and killed near the 860 block, East Missouri street when Avant and several other detectives went to arrest him. Miller died from a .44 caliber bullet wound in his back.

Did Not Fire Fatal Shot.
The state contended in the case of Avant that while he did not fire the fatal shot, he fired at the fleeing youth several times. On the witness stand Avant said he had no intention of hitting Miller.

During the arguments of the attorneys Thursday night Mrs. Jeanne Miller, mother of the deceased, was present. She had been assisted from the court room.

After the verdict Avant shook hands with each of the 12 jurors and told his attorneys that he hoped to see criminals prosecuted in the court as severely as he had been.

Arrested Miller in Alley.
Sergeant Tom Avant took the witness stand in his own behalf Thursday afternoon as the last witness for the defense. On direct examination he testified that he had known since Jan. 10 that there had been a warrant for the arrest of Ernest Miller.

On the day of the shooting the witness said he accompanied the other officers to arrest Miller. Avant said he arrested Miller in an alley in the rear of 304 Wyoming as he was looking over a fence at the police officers who were searching for him in another direction.

Admits Struggle With Prisoner.
The witness said he started down the alley with the prisoner when Miller grabbed a knife from his pocket and struck at his throat. He said he then drew his revolver and struck Miller on the hand and also struck him once on the head. Miller then struck him, the witness said, and he grappled with him and fell to the ground struggling.

Claims Didn't Try to Hit.
Regarding his feet Miller started running, the witness said, and he fired three shots at him. The witness said he is an expert shot and could have easily hit Miller, but made no effort to do so. He said that he was formerly in the army and was considered an expert shot. Avant stated that the last he saw of Miller was when he ran around the corner of a shed.

Charged with murder in connection with the death of Ernest Miller on January 20, last, detective M. C. Guerrero was placed on trial Friday morning in the 24th district court, Judge W. D. Howe presiding. The entire morning was devoted to the selection of the jury and evidence will be started during the afternoon. A large number of witnesses have been summoned.

Rescue Home Tots Are
Given Pleasure Ride.
Children of the Rescue Home were given a pleasure automobile ride Friday afternoon in the big sight-seeing car of the City Service company, and had their pictures taken in a group. Everything in connection with the ride was donated to the tots of the Rescue Home. The big car went over the city and down to Yuleta and back, and 50 children were made happy. Some of them had their first automobile ride of their lives.

CARS COLLIDE AT PIEDRAS
AND BLISS; ONE OVERTURNS.
A Ford motor car bearing license number 1244 was struck by another automobile at the corner of Bliss and Piedras streets Thursday afternoon and turned over, its occupants, a man and a woman, escaping injury, reports said. Police and county officers said at noon Friday they had no reports of the collision.

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EXPERTS LOOT HOMES; ESCAPE

Hardy and Worrell Resi-
dences in Grandview
Lose Silverware.

Burglars of expert type ransacked the unoccupied home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Hardy, 2701 McKinley avenue, Thursday, either before or after the robbery of the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Worrell, pulled out cupboard and dresser drawers, tore the door to a linen closet off its hinges and scattered silverware not taken over the floors, some of it broken in pieces. Entrance was gained through a back window, the screen and glass being cut near the window catch.

Mrs. Tom Newman, 2621 McKinley, has telegraphed Mrs. Hardy in Colorado, where the Hardys went several days ago. Until a reply is received Mrs. Newman has no accurate idea of the articles stolen.

Said To Be Man and Boy.
Advices from neighbors say that footprints in flower beds near the homes of Hardy and Worrell indicate that a man and a boy, the child being used to thrust his hand through a small hole cut in the middle sash catch, which was opened and the window raised. Some time ago Mrs. McKinley avenue resident said he surprised a man in soldier's uniform trying to enter a window in his home, but the intruder escaped.

A half block from the country club, at the corner of Mountain avenue and Dyer street, the residence of dean and Mrs. S. H. Worrell was burglarized about noon and jewelry and silverware valued at about \$475 taken.

There is no doubt in the mind of Mrs. Worrell that the robbers were experts, for they used a glass cutter and cut a small round hole in the glass of the rear door, inserted their hands through this hole and unlocked the door, then, after getting inside, they were very careful in the selection of the articles taken. Silverware, for instance, was marked, indicating it to be plated, was cast aside and not taken. Other silver not marked was broken, that the thieves might ascertain if it was solid or not. All solid silver was taken. Other things taken included a diamond ring, a diamond set brooch, three watches, a Florentine antique necklace made of 25 canoes, two stick pins. Mrs. Worrell left the house at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and returned at 12:20, to find the house in utter confusion, drawers open and contents piled on the floor, trunks broken open and things being tossed about. The place was robbed last June in a similar manner, but not so much was taken.

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UNION TAKES UP 19 CITIES ARE PEACE PROPOSAL

Terms Offered By Mine
Operators Association;
Details Are Secret.

Jerome, Ariz., June 1.—Union leaders took up today consideration of a proposal for the settlement of the strike of copper miners in the Jerome district. The proposal was obtained last night from members of the Mine Operators association by John McReynolds, conciliator of the department of labor; Gov. Thomas Campbell, of Arizona, and Lieut. Col. James J. Hornbrook, 17th U. S. cavalry.

Details of the proposal were withheld until after it had been submitted to the union leaders, but it was said it did not include recognition of the union, the principal object of the strike.

The strike was called May 24 by the International Union of Mine Smelters and Mill Workers and affected about 1500 men. Union men claimed at least two of the 29 mines in the district are closed down.

Strikers Cleared of Shooting.
General Mayagaites and Jim Evans, employees at the United Verde mine, who were killed Tuesday night, were shot by W. N. Terry, a United Verde miner, who was wounded in the shooting affray, according to the verdict returned yesterday by the coroner's jury.

The testimony of Terry and Horace Harrison, another guard, who was wounded, was heard by the jury. Harrison testified that he and Terry were proceeding along the railroad in the direction of the United Verde and Pacific railroad depot, which was burning when they were challenged by Mayagaites.

Harrison said, "but Mayagaites evidently did not understand and fired once, wounding Terry. Terry opened fire and I saw Mayagaites fall."

The witness testified he "thought Terry also hit Evans," who was standing near an ore bin.

Still Insist on Recognition.
Leaders of the union said yesterday the offer made by Charles W. Clark, general manager of the United Verde mine, in a signed statement presented to John McReynolds, conciliator of the department of labor, were "not concessions at all."

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WEST TEXANS ARE WORKING Hard to Secure Branch of A. & M. College.

Austin, Texas, June 1.—Nineteen cities and towns in Texas have filed offers and bids for the location of the west Texas A. & M. college location. They are: Uvalde, Kerrville, San Angelo, Ballinger, Abilene, Snyder, Haskell, Post, Lubbock, Falls, Plainview, Amarillo, Goodnight, Sweetwater, Sterling City, Lockney, Floydada, Crosbyton and Wichita Falls.

It was announced today that the commission, headed by governor Ferguson, created to make a selection of a site for the new college, will leave on June 1 on its mission.

Another Member Resigns
FROM BOARD OF REGENTS
Austin, Texas, June 1.—J. S. McReynolds, of Temple, member of the board of regents of the University of Texas, last night voluntarily tendered his resignation to governor Ferguson, and governor Ferguson today announced the appointment of W. C. Love, attorney at law, of Houston, and former district attorney of Harris county, to fill the vacancy.

In resigning, Mr. McReynolds wired that on account of illures in his family it would be impossible for him to serve. This makes the third change on the board. W. J. Butler, of Clinton, and Mr. McReynolds resigned and Dr. S. J. Jones's place on the board was declared vacant by the governor.

COUNCIL OF DEFENCE FOR
STATE PLANS SANITATION
Austin, Texas, June 1.—A joint meeting of the State Board of Health with the committee on sanitation of the state council of defence was held here today with state health officer Collins in the chair. At this meeting it was decided to carry on a vigorous campaign of sanitation in Texas. Dr. Collins and chairman Wagstaff, of the defence committee, will invoke the aid of all city and county medical societies.

The state council of defence held an executive meeting here today. It is understood that the council is to cooperate with the state authorities in preventing rioting or other disturbances on registration day.

TEXAS TO AID IN MOVE
TO KEEP SLACKERS HERE
Austin, Texas, June 1.—Governor Ferguson today held a conference with adjutant general Hutchings relative to the final details for registration day. It is understood that the state is to aid the federal authorities in preventing rioting or other hostile demonstrations on the night of registration. The state is also, it is said, to aid in preventing slackers from leaving the state.

EL PASO COMPANY CHARTERED.
Austin, Texas, June 1.—The charter of the El Paso company, of El Paso, was filed today in the state department. The capital stock is \$20,000. The purpose is to deal in stationery and office supplies. The incorporators are A. W. McLean, L. B. Gifford and A. Fernandez.

GOVERNMENT CLERK AND FOUR
SOLDIERS DIE AT FORT BLISS
Oscar Quinlan, 35 years of age, a field clerk of the United States army, died at the base hospital Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

John W. Kueper, 25 years of age, first sergeant of the supply company of the 24th infantry, died at the base hospital Wednesday evening.

Claud D. Darnell, 27 years of age, company A, 23d infantry, died Wednesday night.

Thomas Shelton, an unassigned recruit, died at the hospital Thursday morning.

FORMER EL PASO MAN KILLED
BY LIGHTNING IN COLORADO
Word was received from W. C. Dunlap, 1814 Wyoming street, Friday at noon of the killing of his brother, James Allan, 25 years of age, formerly an employee of the Watson grocery in El Paso, by lightning, near Montrose, Colo.

Young Allan left here for Colorado in October, 1916, to engage in farming near Montrose. His body will be buried in Pueblo, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Allan, reside at 211 West 11th street.

CLAUD C. TOLER'S BODY TO
BE BURIED IN HOUSTON
The body of Claud C. Toler, 24 years of age, who died Wednesday evening from injuries received when he fell from an upper window in the First National bank building, will be sent to Houston, Texas, tonight for interment.

GUTHRIE'S FUNERAL HELD.
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 1.—The funeral of George W. Guthrie, American ambassador in Japan, who died at his post in Tokyo, took place here yesterday. The Japanese government was represented by ambassador Sato, who arrived from Washington last night and the American government by Brookings Long, third assistant secretary of state.

MAY AUTO LICENSES ARE SET.
There were 217 automobile and motorcycle licenses issued at the office of county clerk W. D. Greet in the month of May. The last number for the month was 19,218. After July 1 it is expected that the numbering of all motor vehicles in Texas will be done under the new law.

QUIT SOCIALIST PARTY.
Chicago, Ill., June 1.—Very Rev. Bernard Idellings Bell, dean of the Protestant Episcopal cathedral at Fond du Lac, Wis., has tendered his resignation from the Socialist party because he is dissatisfied with the party's policy with reference to the war.

U. S. MARINE INTERESTS EXPAND.
New York, June 1.—May stands as a record month in the expansion of American maritime interests, according to statistics made public today covering amounts of authorized capital stock of new shipping and ship building corporations organized. The aggregate capital issued in May was \$42,496,000 of which nearly \$42,000,000 was for ship building alone.

MARFA MAN HELD IN JAIL.
Lepusky United States marshal N. F. Work has returned from Marfa, Tex., where he served a federal complaint on Amalio Marin, who had previously been arrested on a state charge of robbing the United States post office at Ft. Davis, Tex. The arrest of Marin is said to have resulted from marked coins which were in the post office. The alleged postoffice robbery took place on May 22. Marin's bond was fixed at \$500. He was remanded to jail at Marfa.

SEVEN GO TO NAVY.
Seven recruits enlisted at the El Paso naval station were forwarded Thursday night to the San Francisco Cal. training station. Among the recruits were Ralph Waldo Williams, who was in charge of the party, Hugh C. Appell, Jippie E. Bulen, Edgar H. Milley, Earl A. Brown, Frank